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President's message

ANA is over, Christmas is coming and then we'll be in the spring show season. It was good to see so many of you at Milwaukee. I hope it doesn't take another 30 years to see ANA at Milwaukee. It was very obvious that Wisconsin is the Numismatic capitol of the world! No other place can so many people with like interests come together and exchange a wealth of knowledge as well as money.

The NOW Board of Governors met at the recent show in Appleton and one of the topics discussed was an audit of the NOW books. I am informed that everything was in order. Thanks again go out to Mike Tramte for the fine job he did as NOW secretary-treasurer.



Best wishes to Cliff Manthe who is on the mend from recent heart surgery. We all hope to see you up and about soon.

A hearty thanks go out to Thad Streeter and the Wisconsin Valley Coin Club for inviting us to their banquet recently. Also a warm round of applause to Dave Harper of Krause Publications for his excellent talk on the new Gold Eagle. We all lear-

ned much on this popular subject. Next time Dave, we would appreciate free samples - oh well.

On a different note, this is the time to call for nominations for the upcoming NOW Board of Governors election. Election results will be announced at the NOW convention in Eau Claire next May. It is also noteworthy that our membership has declined somewhat this year, so I'm asking each and every current NOW member to recruit at least one new member this year.

In closing, I look forward to seeing some of you at the upcoming local shows. Support your local coin club!

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In accordance with Article I, Section I of the NOW by laws, a call for nominations of officers shall be made in the December issue of NOW News. All nominations must be made in writing and by a regular or life member of NOW.

Each and every member should exercise this key fr-

anchise of membership, grassroots involvement in our organization means your representatives implement your ideas. Officers whose terms expire are:

Nancy Wilson	B.O.
Lester Burzinski	B.O.
Del Bertschy	B.O.
Jerome Tillung	B.O.

Nominations will close February 1st, 1986. Please send your nominations to:
Hank Thoele - Sec./Memb.
P.O. Box 12703
Green Bay, WI 54307

FUTURE NOW CONVENTIONS

If you are one of the people who likes to look ahead "down the line", here is a list of the NOW shows thru 1990.

- 1987-Eau Claire
- 1988-Racine
- 1989-Madison/Milwaukee
- 1990-Appleton

The double listing for 1989 is a fiscal safeguard for NOW, with Milwaukee hosting the '89 show in the event of NOW dollar shortfall.

PLAN AHEAD!

LOCAL SHOW CO-ORDINATOR

RANDY MILLER

P. O. Box 254
Oshkosh, WI 54902 or call 414-231-6111

DUES NOTICE

In this issue of NOW News is a dues envelope for your 1987 membership to your state organization. NOW dues remain \$3.00 per year altho your quarterly newsletter costs over \$1.00 per issue to produce. Send your payment to Hank Thoele today, be ready for a great numismatic year in 1987!

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Since NOW split the treasurer and secretary offices in 1986, there has been some confusion on where to send membership dues and applications. All membership records are kept by Secretary Hank Thoele at Green Bay, and dues should be sent to him at P.O. Box 12703, Green Bay, 54307. He will see that the financial end gets to Dave Hunsicker, our treasurer.

LOST MEMBERS

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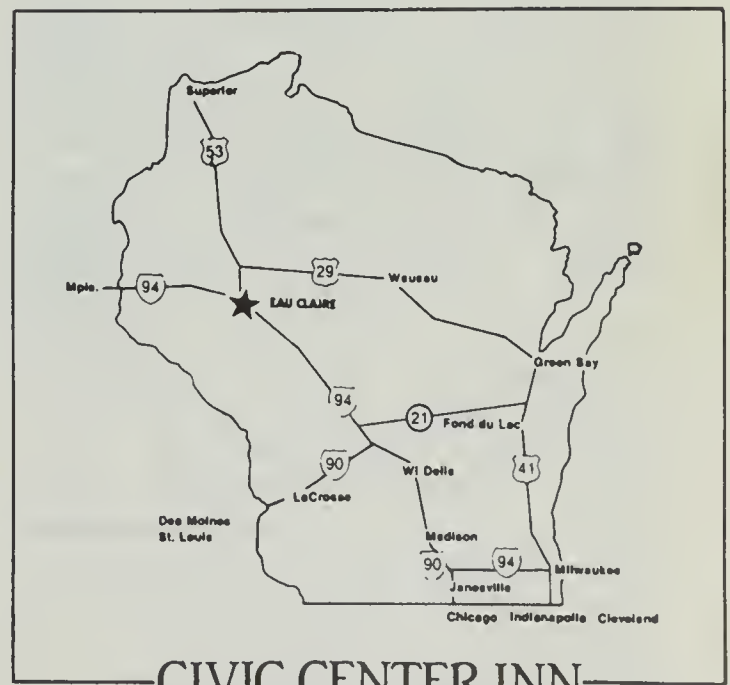
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EAU CLAIRE - NOW 1987

Word from the Chippewa Valley Coin Club is that all systems are "go" for the early May, (2nd & 3rd), 1987 NOW convention at the Civic Center in downtown Eau Claire.

General chairman is NOW board member Jerry Tillung. Bourse chairman is CVCC president Keith Edison, exhibit chairman, Keith Kwallek, and registration/hospitality is chaired by Mark Sheils.

The spring issue of NOW News will list room rates of the Eau Claire hotels/motels near the Civic Center.

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FROM THE EDITOR

With the Milwaukee ANA show past history, and the long Wisconsin winter setting in, perhaps its time to look back on the year 1986 and examine from the narrow view of Wisconsin, the pluses and minuses of this interesting period.

First and foremost, the numismatic hobby got a real lift from the Federal Government's new issue Liberty and other commemorative coins. The hobby awareness generated by the wide advertising and media exposure of the Liberty sets came at a time when collecting coins was no better than static, and some people suggest was on a decline. If indeed the decline was real, a substantial gain in interest was generated, altho perhaps on the periphery of the actual hobby mainstream. The expanded selection of paper money collectables offered by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving were well received, and should generate public interest.

The profusion of Wisconsin coin club "two per year" shows has been handled quite well by state show co-ordinator Randy Miller, primarily because of a new level of co-operation, (realism), by the club people putting on the shows. Early announcement of intentions, and judicious use of open spring and fall dates has worked well. The "coinshow" season has also

been expanded in the recent years, primarily into February and March for the spring shows. The jury is still out on whether the "two per year" show by local clubs is good or bad for the hobby. It pretty much marked the end of the local show exhibit, a decline that started

in the mid 1970s just plain itself out. When this writer arrived on the numismatic scene in 1952, the coin show exhibit was just becoming a strong part of the "Numismatic Package", and as the coin clubs were formed, exhibits and exhibiting were equated "quasi equal" to the bourse, the inequality being that exhibits cost the exhibitor show money, while the bourse was a generator of revenue. Numismatic education was item one! (almost). The proliferation of numismatic information in book, magazine and newspaper in the 1960s seemed to blunt the need for information generating displays at coin shows. Now, in 1986, it seems that the large club shows have exhibits, and many of these are revitalized holdovers from the glory years of the 1960s and early 1970s. Similarly, several NOW members are among this proud and motivated vanishing breed, the coin show exhibitor.

While our hobby was fortunate to get the Federal Government off our backs and into our corner numismatically, state government

became the new fly in the ointment. Quick response by the tangible assets organization has blunted some highly constraining legislation aimed at the flea marketers and bullion investors, but instead would have a heavy bearing on legitimate coin dealers.

The return of the ANA convention to Wisconsin was big news, to see the entire ECCA used for a coin show clearly defines the term UGE. On the plus side, the exposure to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, U.S. Mint, and other national level mint sales rooms; the incredible Chet Krause Wisconsin display; and the smooth running Milwaukee/ANA numismatic team were worth the trip, even in a week marked by torrential rain.

On the negative side, small effort was made to recognize the host Milwaukee club, and the commemorative medal with a small potatoes numismatist like H.O. Granger jugated with two numismatic giants like Dick Yeoman and Chet Krause was a joke. The pre ANA show stories in Numismatic News on J. McDermott and Bob Brangan were great, and the daily Numismatic News by Arlie Sieber at the show was a fresh idea handled beautifully!

The resurgence of gold values in late summer has quickened the pulse of numismatics in Wisconsin, the

fall coin shows, with the exception of some of the 2nd shows, seem busy, so now the punch line question; Was 1986 a good numismatic year in the Badger state?

MNS HISTORY (ANA RELEASE)

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society was founded October 29, 1934 at the home of Edward C. Gaulke, Sr. The following people were present and made charter members:

1. Louis A. Burmeister, Jr.
2. Edward C. Gaulke, Sr.
3. Edward J. Henke
4. Eugene Knerr
5. Harry Collura

Mr. Burmeister was elected first President and Mr. Gaulke, Secretary-Treasurer. Dues were set at ten cents. At present, the MNS has about 150 members with approximately half of them life members. The MNS has six honorary life members of which three are living.

Living:

- #3 Gale V. Highsmith
- #4 A.P. "Del" Bertschy
- #5 Walter Boeyer

Deceased:

- #1 Lillard W. Culver
- #2 Harry Collura
- #6 Anthony J. Tramte

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society has been the proud host of many major conventions, which included the 1950 ANA and several Central

States as well as State Numismatist of Wisconsin Conventions.

Throughout the years, the MNS has had many very prominent numismatists among its ranks. They have served as committee members and officers including that of president of many numismatic organizations both at the local, state, regional, as well as national level. The MNS is dedicated to the advancement of numismatics in all collecting areas of the hobby.

Numismatically yours,
John and Nancy Wilson

A.N.A. EXHIBITS

Lee Hartz reported that of the 46 exhibit awards presented at the convention, 12 were won by MNS members. The winners and the category they won in are: U.S. Coins, 3rd-Leo Neidinger; U.S. Paper, 3rd-Karen Jach; Military Medals, 3rd-Fred Borgman; CI500, 3rd-Walter Boeyer; U.S. Gold, 1st-Leo Neidinger; Foreign Gold, 1st-Irene Neidinger; Canada, 3rd-Michel Folk; Gen/Spec, 2nd-Charles Opitz; Private Mint, 1st-Nancy Wilson; Love Tokens, 1st-William Fuchs; Local Interest, 1st-Dave Hunsicker, 2nd-Tom Snyder.

MNS Newsletter

GREAT ANA SHOW!

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society "Local Committee" consisted of John & Nancy Wilson, co-assistant chairman; A.P. Del Bertschy, honorary chairman; Tom Casper, Scout Merit Badge Clinician; Mike Folk, patrons; Frank Wilford & Lee Hartz, exhibitors; Darlene Highsmith, medals & ribbons; Gale Highsmith, photo I.D.; Dave Hunsicker, pages; Jim and Kae Jack, hospitality & spouses; Henry Javorsky & Annette Javorsky, pre-registration & registration; Bob Kellner, Thomas Snyder, banquet & entertainment; Bob Korosec, finance; Roger Lick, properties; Bill Mross, tours; Leo Neidinger, bourse; Kevin Neidinger, publicity; Neil Shaffner, program; and Phil Whiteblin, photography. The many thousands of donated hours in by these individuals are very inspiring and all serve a tip of the hat, as well as a pat on the back for a job well done.

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NOTES FROM KM

Lots of nice ideas coming out of the Kettle Moraine Coin & Stamp Club of West Bend, members were surveyed to establish programs, in this way topics of interest to the membership are planned. Dave Hunsicker has been "talking coins" on WBKV radio, four times this year! Club and individual exhibits are out in the community often to create public interest. Good for the hobby!

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MADISON CHANGES SHOW DATE

The spring coin show of the Madison Coin Club will be held Sunday, March 15th, at the Sheraton Inn, 706 John Nolen Drive, Madison, WI. Bourse information may be directed to Robert Kraft, 205 N. Whitney Way, Madison, WI 53705.

The South Shore CC Club had another great picnic in the Root River Parkway, about 70 members and guests attended and a time was had by all. Free beer, soda, ice cream, pretzels and popcorn, drew many persons from bringing any food to the function. This years picnic had more young numismatists attending than any in recent memory. The youngest YN in attendance was the Hart's (Tom & Nancy's) daughter Cindy, who was 10 days old. Two games were held for the kids, a penny and candy pick-up for the young ones, and the ball bag toss for the older ones. The adults played the water balloon toss and "believe me", they were filled to capacity. Next year I will remember to bring a towel.

The big draw at the SSCC picnic is the bingo game. Everyone including children are given one bingo card. About 25 prizes are awarded to winners, prizes averaging about \$20 value each. The big winners this year were the Brinkman's, Jachs, and Wilsons.

A big thanks is in order for co-chairmen Walter Phyllis Weis and Doug Mary Van Beek. They did a great job in acquiring a nice picnic site and making sure everything is there.

SSCC Newsletter

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5002 Tanya Street
Schofield, WI 54476
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FISHBOWL WN COIN CLUB

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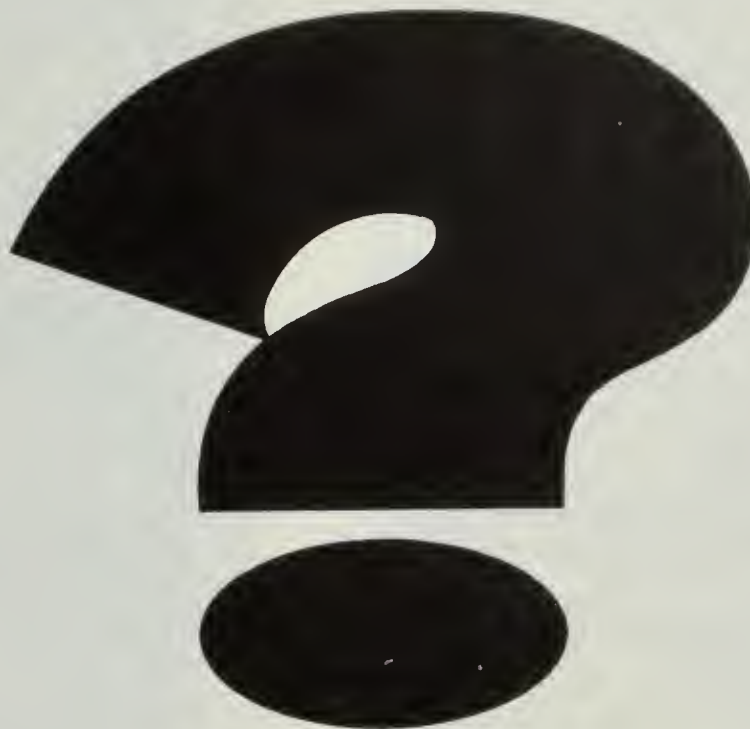
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Feb. 28 March 1 RACINE

Sheraton Inn
Racine Numismatic Society
P.O. Box 1222
Racine 53405

March 8 KENOSHA

Holiday Inn
Kenosha Coin Club
808 74th Street
Kenosha 53104

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Green Bay 54305

March 15 MADISON

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Madison Coin Club
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Madison 53597

March 22 APPLETON

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229 E. College Ave.
Appleton 54911

March 27-29 MILWAUKEE

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April 26 WAUSHAU

Youth Bldg. Mar. Co. Park
Wis. Valley Coin Club
5002 Tanya St.
Schofield 54476

April 26 JANESVILLE

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Janesville Coin Club
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ANA

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The fifth edition of the Standard Catalog of United States Paper Money, has just been published by Krause Publications.

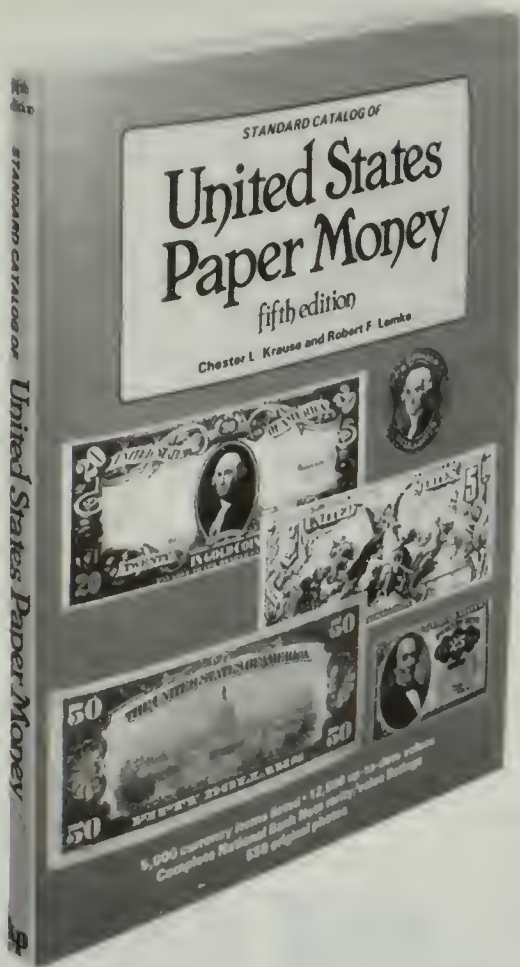
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KM Newsletter



LEOPOLD - THE HOGMOUTH

By Gene Johnson WNW

Like most coin collectors over the years, many coins from outside the United States have found their way into boxes and envelopes in my possession. "Foreign Coins" is usually the title given these often inigmatic and interesting pieces. Foreign then, would have to apply to an interesting medieval coin which was obtained from the estate of Gordon Gill. The worn and deringed specimen is a 1692 Austrian Thaler of Leopold I, who was historically called, "The Hogmouth". On Austrian history, a trip to the library produced scant little information on Leopold I, but Fred Borgmann of Iola did scare up some additional information from a 1932 issue of the "Numismatist" to share with you.

Leopold I - The Hogmouth

It seems the "Hog Mouth" started back in the Habsburg line around the 13th century when it was commonplace to marry relatives. The genetic consequences of these intermarriages can only be surmised, but starting with Fredrich III in the early 1400s, the line developed a facial trait of a protruding lower jaw, a thick lip, a large nose and mouth. By the sixth generation, Leopold's father, Ferdinand III, was already quite an ugly man. Leopold however, was the historic ruler to carry the name Hogmouth into textbooks and numismatic posterity.

Leopold I was not a bad ruler, as rulers go, his long reign was a mixed bag of good and evil, much like his forefathers rule. His gifts were in music and culture, but he was a lousy soldier, and where finances were concerned, oh boy!

Reared to be Holy Roman Emperor, Leopold received the best education that money could buy, he became fluent in four languages, could compose music, and was well equipped when he ascended the Austrian throne in 1658. Leopold had the misfortune of being caught in the reformation, and his execution of Hungarian Protestant nobles helped create and cause the Thirty Years War. Interestingly, it was only when Leopold allied himself with Protestant Holy

land and England that he won significant military victories, those in his squabbles with France.

But it was in money matters that Leopold "the hogmouth" was a complete zero. The expenses of his court were gigantic! His attempts to make Vienna the cultural center of Europe failed miserably, and his expensive and futile wars were ultimately lost. Add to this his choice of ministers of finance, who stole him blind; Bad news!

Married three times, of frail health most of his life, Leopold the hogmouth ruled for 47 years, and died during the war of Spanish succession in 1705.



Woodcut showing the use of strip planchets and roller dies.



Woodcut of medieval mintmasters, perhaps chiseling thalers?

Concerning the 1692 coin itself, in a conversation with Fred Borgmann and Courtney Coffing at Iola, several interesting facts turned up. The center of the obverse shows a bit more wear than the rest of the coin, revealing that this medieval coin was struck on roller dies. The planchet as it was rolled then, became slightly "dished" and would wear more on the highest point on the coin, the center obverse. In this roller die process, a hand fed silver planchet strip several inches wide, and of the proper thickness, was

fed into a manually operated coin press, where roller dies squeezed the obverse and reverse designs into the strip. This also explains why the Thaler is not completely round, but only generally that shape, since when the ancient mintmaster had finished roll striking the silver planchet strip, each coin had to be chiseled from the strip by hand, following as best possible the edges of the striking. A very laborious process.



MEDIEVAL ROLLER DIE

Leopold's real claim to historical fame and remembrance was not military or monetary, nor sadly, cultural or musical, it is of course his nickname, "the hog-mouth". That was surely the reason Gordon Gill added the plastic encased Austrian Thaler to his multifaceted "Odd and Curious" display.

In the case of Leo the hog mouth it remained for an unnamed medieval traveler to "say it all" in his description of the man; Leopold I of Austria, he was recorded as saying, "was a cultivated man of extreme ugliness".

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has issued a souvenir card with a montage of fractional currency and a vignette of Samuel Dexter, Secretary of War and Treasury, 1800-1802, under President Thomas Jefferson.

"During the early years of the Civil War, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing issued fractional currency to replace coinage being hoarded by the public. Nearly 369 million dollars were issued in the fourteen years that Fractional Currency was produced", commented Bureau Director Robert J. Leuwer.

The first delivery of the fractional notes, known as postage currency, was made by the Post Office Department to the Treasury Department, and issued to the public in the latter part of August, 1862. Fractional Currency notes were the first notes completely engraved and printed in the Bureau. The wide variety of paper used, some tinted and watermarked, reflects the experimental efforts made in the development and manufacturing of paper by the Government, as well as the use of silk fiber paper similar to that currently in use.

By mail, the souvenir card will cost \$4.00. Orders should be addressed to: Bureau of Engraving and Printing Mail Order Sales Room 602-11A 14th and C Streets S.W. Washington, D.C. 20228

By Mark Ferguson
WCTA Founder

Joining a coin club is somewhat like playing with alphabet soup. Spoon three or four letters out of the soup and there's probably a coin club you can join which uses those letters as initials. A list of just a few of them looks like this: ANA, ANS, INS, NOW, NRS, FUN, TAMS, etc. And for the past two years there's been WCTA.

Each of the aforementioned organizations, has its own purpose. WCTA, which stands for the Wisconsin Council for Tangible Assets, Inc., has a very definite purpose. WCTA was founded for the express purpose of improving commerce in Wisconsin numismatics for the hobbyist, the club, the dealer and others who trade in or who own numismatic tangibles. WCTA's intent is to represent all Wisconsin numismatists.

Since I began dealing in coins and precious metals in 1969 I've been particularly frustrated with the Wisconsin sales tax law as it applies to precious metals and coins. After years of watching customers find cash sellers or seeing them take their business out of the state to avoid paying the sales tax, I decided to do something about it. That something is to get our own sales tax exemption here in Wisconsin.

In the fall of 1984 I set out to do that, I started by looking for a lobbyist to work in Madison for this cause. I invited my numismatist friend from the Milwaukee area, Bob Hanson, to come to Madison with me to interview Lobbyist Gary Goyke. We decided Gary was our man, and for two years now we've been extremely pleased with our choice. Politically astute Dave Harper, editor of Numismatic News, says that Lobbyist Goyke "is the best lobbyist we could possibly have working for us in Madison". We decided to affiliate with ICTA, which is the Industry Council for Tangible Assets, and asked Kevin Foley of Milwaukee to join us as our vice president. He accepted, so now we have three officers including Bob Hanson as secretary treasurer and Mark Ferguson as president. Each WCTA officer donates his time without compensation, and it has taken a lot of time.

After WCTA was formed, support came quickly from dealers, collectors and clubs from around the state. So far we have raised nearly \$15,000! It's also taken most of that money so far to pursue our causes.

We were able to find a sponsor for a sales tax exemption, and a bill was introduced to the Wisconsin legislature. We basically took the new (at that time)

Illinois exemption law and remolded it to conform to Wisconsin law.

About the same time a problem arose in Milwaukee which initiated a city ordinance that required dealers who make second-hand purchases from the public, to hold for 30 days, those purchases before they could be resold. Of course coin and precious metal owners know that this prohibits sellers from being able to receive a full and fair price in a fluctuating market. Also a part of that ordinance was a resolution to introduce that law as a state law. A compromised version was passed by the Milwaukee Common Council which requires a 15 day hold on second-hand jewelry only and detailed Police reports of all purchases from the public including coins and precious metals.

That fight then went to Madison, and through the lobbying efforts and contacts of the Goyke office, we won! We call it the "WCTA victory that nobody heard about".

The law makers plan to introduce similar legislation in the next session, so we anticipate another time consuming fight. We need your help!

While all that was going on we hit a temporary dead-end with the sales tax exemption. Governor Earl wouldn't let any legislation pass out of the tax exemption committee saying the

state couldn't afford it. Now that the state budget is back on track we're ready to make another push for the exemption during the next legislative session after the first of the new year.

Step by step we are getting there. We need your support. We need money. This is for the good of all people who buy or sell precious metals and numismatic tangibles. WCTA needs \$15,000 to accomplish our objectives in 1987. For further information contact WCTA President Mark Ferguson, P.O. Box 258 Oshkosh, WI 54903, 414-238-6777.

OSHKOSH COIN CLUB

Members in attendance at the November 5th meeting decided to put any major decision on the assets of the club on hold for one year. The club will not disband at this time, we will discontinue regular meetings until further notice.

We will be having two get-togethers in the coming year, we are planning on a dinner party, the tentative date February 18th, 1987 and we hope to have a picnic type get-together sometime in July or August.

Since there will be no formal meetings, Mark Ferguson has volunteered to be interim president, Jeff Krohn a vice-president, and will be secretary-treasurer during this period.

Irene Blanchett

TOMAH'S GOLD MEDAL

By Fred J. Borgmann WNWA

In celebration of their third anniversary as a unit in the Wisconsin National Guard, Tomah's Company K of the 3rd regiment challenged the Mauston Light Guards (Co. D, 3rd regt.) to a marksmanship competition held in Tomah on May 28, 1887. The competition consisted of three events: 200 yards off-hand, 500 yards prone and 50 feet indoors. For the indoor shooting both teams used .22 calibre rifles and for the outdoor events both teams used their army issue Springfield rifles. At this point, it should be noted that Mauston's Co. D was equipped with their old 1873 Springfields while Tomah's Co. K had recently been issued new Springfields. The results were predictable. Tomah's team compiled the highest team scores in each event. Tomah shooters won two events with the highest individual scores and shared a tie score in the 200 yard event with a Mauston shooter. Tomah also openly acknowledged that their new rifles gave them the winning edge.

All this is confirmed by contemporary newspaper accounts on microfilm in the Tomah public library. None of the accounts make any mention of plans for a medal or the awarding of any prize

medals. Therefore based on the medal itself, I propose the following theory for it's origin.



OBVERSE

The medal was privately sponsored, possibly by the company (Co. K) commander and privately manufactured by a local jeweler who engraved the design on parts of old pocketwatch cases.

Original plans would have called for three prize medals for presentation to the best shot in each of the three events but since there was a tie in one event, a fourth medal was needed, hence the inscription "HONOR FOUR No. 3".

The medal itself is gold, probably 18 karat, weighs 4.12 grams, is 30.4mm in diameter and has a ring and loop for suspension. The design and inscription on both sides is completely engraved.

Obverse: an eagle with laurel sprigs in its claws

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is perched on crossed rifles which divide the design into fourths. Above the eagle in the upper quarter is the inscription, "HONOR FOUR No. 3". Across from the left to the right quarters is the inscription "Co. K, 3rd REG". Filling the bottom quarter is the Wisconsin National Guard monogram "WNG".



REVERSE

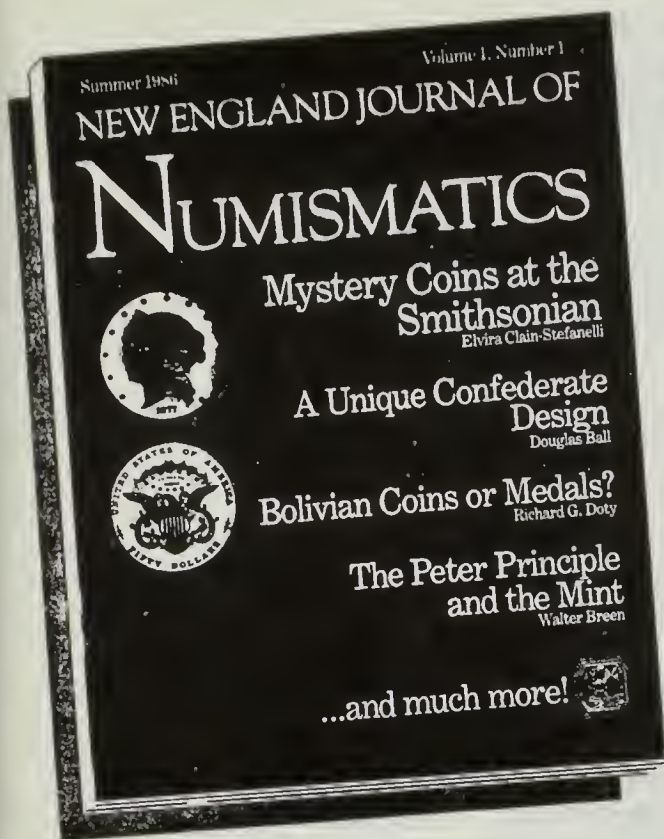
Reverse: a coiled ribbon with the inscription "WON IN COMPETITION MAY 28th '87".



Rich Hartzog of World Exonumia Press has announced the book "American and Canadian Countermarked Coins" by Greg Brunk is scheduled for a December release. Brunk is author of "World Countermarks on Medieval and Modern Coins" and has been working on this manuscript for over 10 years. The new book features over 2000 photos and a price guide, well as historical notes, contemporary advertisements, and maverick identifications.

The massive book will be available in a softbound edition for \$39.95 and hardbound for \$49.95, each plus \$2.50 postage. A special pre-publication discount of \$10 per copy is offered for orders postmarked 1986. A deluxe hardbound limited edition will be available upon special request only.

The second book is "World Merchant Countermarks" which is wholly contained in the above book. Published as a separate 64 page reference, this book contains listings of all known non-US and Canadian merchant, hacienda and political countermarks on modern world coins (post 1800). It is priced at \$9.95 postpaid for orders postmarked in 1986. Orders for both books may be placed with your local dealer, or directly with Rich Hartzog, PO 4143APV, Rockford, IL 61111.



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NEJN editor Neil Shafer was at ANA to proudly promote his Volume I, Number I of the quarterly New England Journal of Numismatics. The 40 page slick paper magazine is crammed full of untold stories of paper money, rare coins, medals and tokens. The writings are in depth studies, and enhanced by razor sharp photographs and illustrations. If you have been around numismatics a few years, you will want this publication! Subscription information can be obtained at New England Journal of Numismatics, 89 Devonshire St., Boston, MA, 02109.

CLUBS - TAKE NOTE!

Eau Claire/NOW 1987 general chairman Jerry Tillung has asked that any clubs or groups that may need a meeting room during the convention at the Civic Center contact him by February 1st so he can set up your accommodations. Jerry's address is:
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The Chippewa Valley Coin Club will host the 27th Annual Convention of the Numismatists of Wisconsin on Saturday and Sunday, May 2 & 3, 1987. The show will be held at the Civic Center Inn, 205 S. Barstow St., Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701 (715) 835-6121

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Prices includes eight foot table, back up table, four chairs per table, dealer sign and electrical outlet

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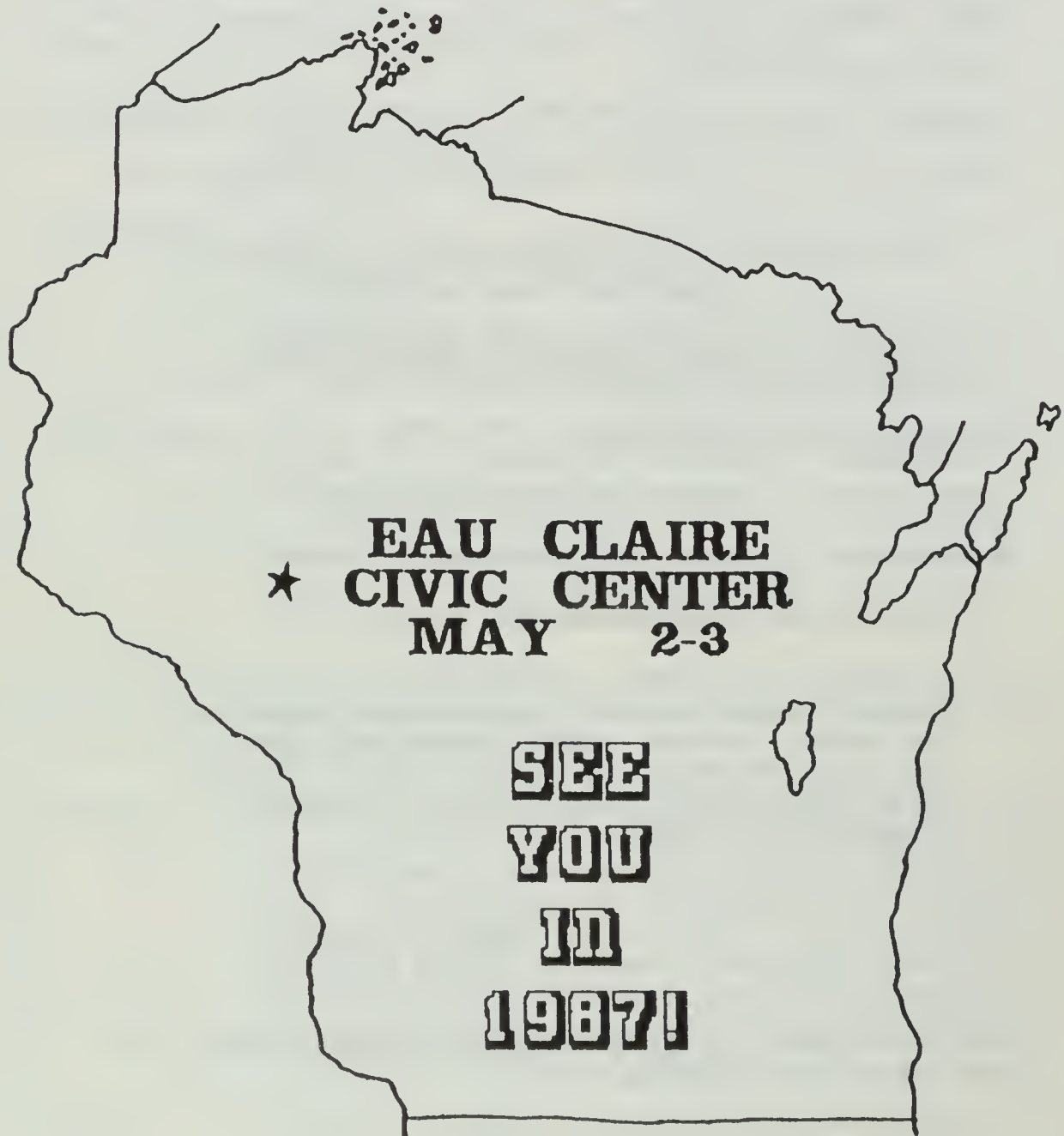
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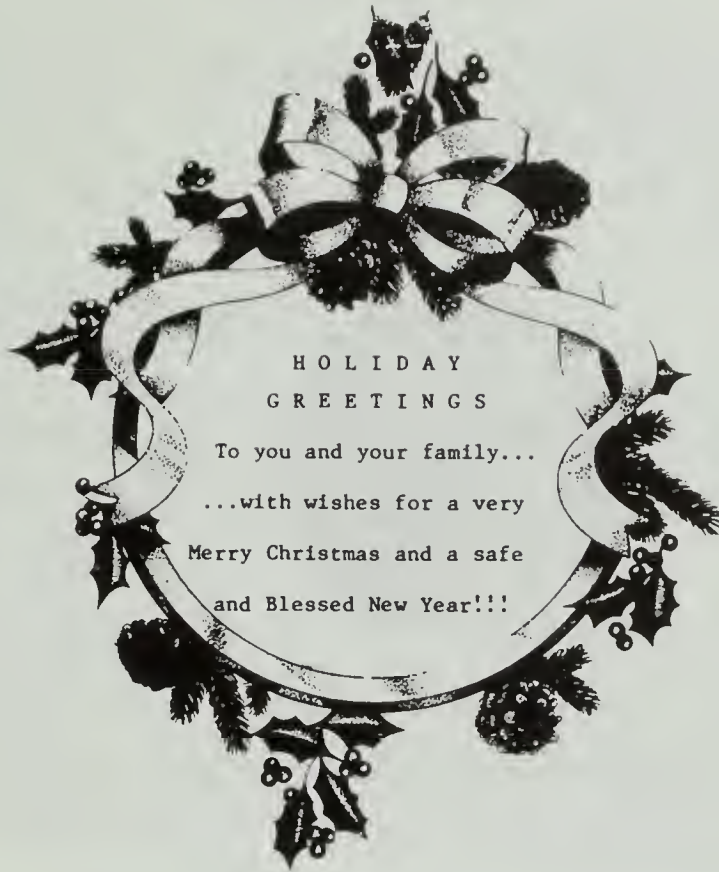
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